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**INTERNAL QUESTION PAPER**

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Note:

1. Questions for oral reply will be printed in full in the Question Paper for the day for which they have been set down for reply.

2. \*Indicates a question for oral reply.

**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

FRIDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2014

**129. Mr P E van Vuuren to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

1. Whether he has been informed that funds for learner teacher support materials (LSM) in the province are allegedly being re-directed to (a) pay teacher salaries and (b) purchase school furniture; if so, (i) what total amount has been redirected for this purpose as at the latest specified date for which information is available and (ii) what reasons have been given for this;
2. (a) how many learners is it anticipated will be directly affected by these LSM funds being redirected and (b) what impact will the lack of adequate textbooks in learning and teaching processes have on curriculum delivery in the province;
3. whether any steps have been or are to be taken by his Department with a view to ensuring that payments are made for textbooks to avoid the aforementioned negative impact ; if not, why not; if so, (a) what steps, (b) when and (c) which funding will be utilised in this respect?

**130. Mr P E van Vuuren to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

1. Whether he has been informed of any allegations regarding the alleged irregular appointment of a person, whose name has been furnished to his Office for the purpose of the reply, as a Chief Education Specialist in the Uitenhage Education District since 2009; if so,

1. whether (a) the person in question is in possession of the necessary qualifications for the aforementioned position, (b) his Department verified these qualifications and (c) any steps are being taken with a view to (i) investigating these allegations, (ii) rectifying this situation if so required and (iii) providing the necessary documentation regarding the person in question’s qualifications; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details in each case?

**131. Mr P E van Vuuren to ask the MEC responsible for Education:**

1. Whether he has been informed of the poor condition of the boarding facilities for pupils of the Bencox English Medium Boarding School resulting in pupils having to reside in cold unventilated rooms; if so,
2. whether any steps have been or are to be taken by his Department with a view to (a) investigating these conditions and (b) rectifying this situation; if not, why not; if so, (i) what steps and (ii) when;
3. whether any interim measures are in place with a view to providing alternate living arrangements to house the pupils in question; if not, why not; if so, what measures;
4. whether this school had received its boarding subsidy as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if not, (a) why not, (b) on what date did this school last receive its subsidy in this regard and (c) how much was received at the time?

**132. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Finance, Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism:**

 Whether any payments in excess of (a) 30 days, (b) 60 days or (c) 90 days were outstanding and owing by any (i) provincial or (ii) national government Departments to municipalities in the province as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (aa) how many, (bb) what are the names of the departments in question and (cc) what is the breakdown of the outstanding payments in each case?

**133. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Finance, Economic Development, Environmental Affairs and Tourism:**

 (a) What would be the estimated total amount in respect of leave payments owed by provincial government departments in respect of current employees should they opt to resign, (b) what is the breakdown per department in this respect and (c) what steps, if any, are being taken with a view to dealing with this liability?

**134. Ms D N Matikinca to ask the MEC responsible for Human Settlements:**

1. Whether she had been informed of any alleged illegal occupation of Reconstruction and Development Programme (RDP) Housing in the Buffalo City Municipal Area as at the latest specified date for which information is available, if so,
2. whether these alleged illegal occupations resulted in any violent protests being undertaken by residents of Duncan Village in particular; if so, what are the relevant details in this regard;
3. whether any steps have been or are to be taken by her Department with a view to (a) investigating the aforementioned allegations .and (b) exposing the underlying root cause thereof with a view to resolution; if not, why not; if so, (i) what steps and (ii) when?

**135. Ms V Knoetze to ask the MEC responsible for Roads and Public Works:**

 With regard to the current condition of the Kayser’s Beach main Road between Port Alfred and East London which is riddled with potholes, is in serious need of maintenance and poses a safety hazard to road-users:

1. Whether, given that the aforementioned road was constructed only 5 years ago, (a) a project description, (b) contractor details and (c) the total cost of the project in relation to the work carried out could be provided; if not, why not, if so, when;
2. what reasons, given the (a) recent construction of this road and (b) the numerous maintenance attempts carried out on it, have been given for the deterioration of this road;
3. when is it anticipated that budget will be allocated for the permanent long-term (a) repair and (b) re-surfacing of this road;
4. whether any interim measures are being taken with a view to ensuring the safety of road-users on this road until sufficient funding is available for long-term repairs; if not, why not; if so, (a) what measures and (b) when?

 **136. Mr R S Stevenson to ask the MEC responsible for Safety, Liaison and Transport:**

1. Whether (a) any arrests had been made or (b) suspects had been charged in the case involving the kidnapping and murder of a person whose name has been furnished to her office for the purpose of the reply (Case no 49/2014) reported at the Maluti Police Station ; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details;
2. whether the suspects in connection with this case had been charged with any other offences as at the latest specified date for which information is available,; if so, what are the relevant details;
3. whether the docket or parts thereof in relation to the aforementioned case had been allegedly stolen as at the latest specified date for which information is available; if so, (a) what impact has this had on the case in question and (b) what are the further relevant details;
4. when is it anticipated that this case will be brought to trial?